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perillyl aldehyde is sufficient to inhibit the growth of
fungi and bacteria.

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6. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises a cream and wherein the inactive ingredients comprise at least one alcohol.

7. (Amended) The composition of claim 6, wherein the at least one alcohol is selected from the group consisting of hexadecanol, octadecanol and propanediol.

8. (Amended) The composition of claim 6, wherein the inactive ingredients further comprise an acid and mineral oil.

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10. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises a gel and wherein the inactive ingredients comprise DI water and Tween 60.

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15. (Amended) A composition capable of inhibiting the growth of a fungus or a bacteria comprising perillyl aldehyde, and at least one inactive ingredient, wherein the concentration of the at least one inactive ingredient is greater than the concentration of perillyl aldehyde.

16. (Amended) The composition of claim 15, wherein the composition comprises a cream and wherein the inactive ingredients comprise at least one alcohol.

20. (Amended) The composition of claim 15, wherein the composition comprises a gel and wherein the inactive ingredients comprise DI water and Tween 60.

25. (Amended) A method of inhibiting the growth of bacteria and fungi by application of a composition having at least one active ingredient and at least one inactive ingredient, wherein the at least one active ingredient comprises perillyl aldehyde.

26. (Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the at least one inactive ingredient comprises alcohol.

27. (Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of hexadecanol, octadecanol and propanediol.

28. (Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein the at least one inactive ingredient further comprises an acid and mineral oil.

Please add the following claims:

A7 35. A method of inhibiting the growth of microbes infecting a host by application of PCO and POH in a concentration of the at least 0.5% PCO.

36. A method of inhibiting the growth of bacteria or fungi infecting a host by application of PCO and SDS.

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending. Claims 1, 6-8, 10, 15, 16, 20 and 25-28 have been amended. In addition, claims 35 and 36 were filed with the original application but appear to have been inadvertently omitted from examination and applicants failed to note this omission in their previous response. Accordingly, claims 35 and 36 as originally filed have been added above and applicants respectfully request examination of these claims.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner properly objected to an error that occurred in a number of claims. For example, claim 1 recited "the at least one active ingredient" with out providing antecedent basis for "at least one active ingredient." Applicants respectfully thank